

C L A I M S

1. A privilege management system comprising:
 - an accepting section which accepts privilege coupon data indicative of a content of a privilege and
 - 5 a condition under which the privilege is granted, and
 - a right data acquisition request including data which is used to judge whether the privilege is granted, from a requesting side of right data which releases a utilization restriction of a circulation content;
 - 10 a verifying section which judges whether the privilege is granted to the requesting side based on the privilege coupon data and the acquisition request; and
 - a service section which grants the privilege
 - 15 to the requesting side based on the content of the privilege indicated by the privilege coupon data when it is determined that the privilege is granted,
 - wherein the privilege coupon data includes a permitting side condition ID which specifies a
 - 20 utilization permitting side which permits granting the privilege,
 - the acquisition request includes a utilizing side ID indicative of a right data utilizing side, and
 - the verifying section determines that the
 - 25 privilege is granted to the requesting side when the permitting side condition ID is consistent with the utilizing side ID.

2. The privilege management system according to claim 1, wherein the privilege coupon data further includes utilizing side number condition data which specifies a total number of utilizing sides which permit granting the privilege, and

the verifying section determines that the privilege is granted to the requesting side when the permitting side condition ID is consistent with the utilizing side ID and a total number of the utilizing side IDs included in the acquisition request accepted by the accepting section is not less than the total number of the utilizing sides.

3. The privilege management system according to claim 1, wherein the privilege coupon data further includes a content condition ID which specifies a content group to which a content as a privilege grant target belong to, a path condition ID indicative of a circulation path with which granting the privilege is permitted, and a time condition data which specifies a time in which granting the privilege is permitted,

the acquisition request includes a content ID indicative of the circulation content and a path ID indicative of a circulation path of the circulation content, and

the verifying section determines that the privilege is granted to the requesting side when the permitting side condition ID is consistent with the

utilizing side ID, the path condition ID is consistent with the path ID, a time at which the acquisition request is accepted is within a time indicated by the time condition data and the circulation content belong to the content group.

4. The privilege management system according to claim 1, wherein the privilege coupon data further includes a content condition ID which specifies a content group to which a content as a privilege grant target belong and time condition data which specifies a time in which granting the privilege is permitted, the acquisition request further includes a content ID indicative of the circulation content, and the verifying section determines that the privilege is granted to the requesting side when the permitting side condition ID is consistent with the utilizing side ID, a time at which the acquisition request is accepted is within a time indicated by the time condition data and the circulation content belong to the content group.

5. The privilege management system according to claim 1, wherein the privilege coupon data further includes reference target data which specifies a reference target, and the verifying section judges whether the privilege is granted to the requesting side based on data specified by the reference target data included in

the privilege coupon data and data included in the acquisition request.

6. The privilege management system according to claim 1, wherein the privilege coupon data is discount coupon data in which a discount amount is a content of the privilege, and

the service section charges the requesting side a discounted fee obtained by subtracting the discount amount from a regular price when it is determined that the privilege is granted.

7. The privilege management system according to claim 6, wherein the discount coupon data includes distribution data indicative of a distribution rule of a fee between a content provider who provides the circulation content and a content circulator who circulates the circulation content, and

the service section distributes the discounted fee to the content provider and the content circulator in accordance with the distribution data.

8. A privilege management system comprising:

an accepting section which accepts privilege coupon data indicative of a content of a privilege and a condition under which the privilege is granted, and a right data acquisition request including data which is used to judge whether the privilege is granted, from a requesting side of right data which releases a utilization restriction of a circulation content;

a verifying section which judges whether the privilege is granted to the requesting side based on the privilege coupon data and the acquisition request; and

5 a service section which grants the privilege to the requesting side based on the content of the privilege indicated by the privilege coupon data when it is determined that the privilege is granted,

 wherein the privilege coupon data includes
10 a content condition ID which specifies a content as a privilege grant target,

 the acquisition request includes a contents ID indicative of the circulation content, and

 the verifying section determines that the
15 privilege is granted to the requesting side when the content condition ID is consistent with the circulation content ID.

 9. The privilege management system according to claim 8, wherein the privilege coupon data further
20 includes a path condition ID which specifies a circulation path with which granting the privilege is permitted and utilizing side number condition data which specifies a total number of utilizing sides which permit granting the privilege,

25 the acquisition request further includes a utilizing side ID indicative of the right data utilizing side and a path ID indicative of a

circulation path of the circulation content, and

the verifying section determines that the privilege is granted to the requesting side when the content condition ID is consistent with the circulation content ID, the path condition ID is consistent with the path ID and a total number of the utilizing side IDs included in the acquisition request accepted by the accepting section is not less than the total number of the utilizing sides.

10. The privilege management system according to claim 8, wherein the privilege coupon data further includes a permitting side condition ID which specifies a utilization permitting side group to which a utilization permitting side which permits granting the privilege belongs,

the acquisition request further includes a utilizing side ID indicative of a right data utilizing side, and

the verifying section determines that the privilege is granted to the requesting side when the content condition ID is consistent with the circulation content ID and the utilizing side belongs to the utilization permitting side group.

11. The privilege management system according to claim 10, wherein the privilege coupon data further includes a path condition ID which specifies a circulation path with which granting the privilege

is permitted,

the acquisition request further includes a path ID indicative of a circulation path of the circulation content, and

5 the verifying section determines that the privilege is granted to the requesting side when the content condition ID is consistent with the circulation content ID, the utilizing side belongs to the utilization permitting side group and the path
10 condition ID is consistent with the path ID.

12. A privilege management system comprising:

an accepting section which accepts privilege coupon data indicative of a content of a privilege and a condition under which the privilege is granted, and
15 a right data acquisition request from a requesting side of right data which releases a utilization restriction of a circulation content;

a verifying section which judges whether the privilege is granted to the requesting side based on
20 the privilege coupon data and the acquisition request; and

a service section which grants the privilege to the requesting side based on the content of the privilege indicated by the privilege coupon data when
25 it is determined that the privilege is granted,

wherein the privilege coupon data includes request number condition data which specifies a total number

of requests which permit granting the privilege, and
the verifying section determines that the
privilege is granted to the requesting sides when
a total number of the acquisition requests accepted
5 by the accepting section is not less than the total
number of requests.

13. A privilege management system comprising:
an accepting section which accepts privilege
coupon data indicative of a content of a privilege
10 and a condition under which the privilege is granted,
and a right data acquisition request including data
which is used to judge whether the privilege is
granted, from a requesting side of right data which
releases a utilization restriction of a circulation
15 content;

a verifying section which judges whether the
privilege is granted to the requesting side based on
the privilege coupon data and the acquisition request;
and

20 a service section which grants the privilege
to the requesting side based on the content of
the privilege indicated by the privilege coupon data
when it is determined that the privilege is granted,
wherein the privilege coupon data includes a
25 path condition ID which specifies a circulation path
with which granting the privilege is permitted,
the acquisition request includes a path ID

indicative of a circulation path of the circulation content, and

the verifying section determines that the privilege is granted to the requesting side when the path condition ID is consistent with the path ID.

14. The privilege management system according to claim 13, wherein the privilege coupon data further includes a content condition ID which specifies a content group to which a content as a privilege grant target belong and request number condition data which specifies a total number of requests which permit granting the privilege,

the acquisition request further includes a content ID indicative of the circulation content, and

the verifying section determines that the privilege is granted to the requesting side when the path condition ID is consistent with the path ID, the circulation content belong to the content group and a total number of the acquisition requests accepted by the accepting section is not less than the total number of requests.

15. A privilege management system comprising:
an accepting section which accepts privilege coupon data indicative of a content of a privilege and a condition under which the privilege is granted, and a right data acquisition request from a requesting side of right data which releases a utilization restriction

of a circulation content;

a verifying section which judges whether the privilege is granted to the requesting side based on the privilege coupon data and the acquisition request;

5 and

a service section which grants the privilege to the requesting side based on the content of the privilege indicated by the privilege coupon data when it is determined that the privilege is granted,

10 wherein the privilege coupon data includes time condition data which specifies a time in which granting the privilege is permitted, and

the verifying section determines that the privilege is granted to the requesting side when a
15 time at which the acquisition request is accepted is within a time indicated by the time condition data.

16. A privilege management system comprising:

an accepting section which accepts privilege coupon data indicative of a content of a privilege
20 and a condition under which the privilege is granted, and a right data acquisition request from a requesting side of right data which releases a utilization restriction of a circulation content,

a verifying section which judges whether the
25 privilege is granted to the requesting side based on the privilege coupon data and the acquisition request; and

a service section which grants the privilege to the requesting side based on the content of the privilege indicated by the privilege coupon data when it is determined that the privilege is granted,

5 wherein the privilege coupon data is subjected to preprocessing in order to detect an interpolation, the verifying section checks whether the privilege coupon data is interpolated, and

10 the service section grants the privilege to the requesting side when the privilege coupon data is not interpolated.

17. A method of granting a privilege to a requesting side of right data which releases a utilization restriction of a circulation content by a computer,

15 the method comprising:

accepting from the requesting side privilege coupon data indicative of a content of the privilege and a condition under which the privilege is granted, and a right data acquisition request including data which is used to judge whether the privilege is granted;

20 judging whether the privilege is granted to the requesting side based on the privilege coupon data and the acquisition request; and

25 executing a service which grants the privilege to the requesting side based on the content of the

privilege indicated by the privilege coupon data when it is determined that the privilege is granted,

wherein the privilege coupon data includes a permitting side condition ID which specifies

5 a utilization permitting side which permits granting the privilege,

the acquisition request includes a utilizing side ID indicative of a utilizing side of the right data, and

10 the service is executed when the permitting side condition ID is consistent with the utilizing side ID.

18. A computer-readable recording medium having a program recorded therein,

the program allowing the computer to function as:

15 an accepting section which accepts privilege coupon data indicative of a content of a privilege and a condition under which the privilege is granted, and a right data acquisition request including data which is used to judge whether the privilege is granted,

20 from a requesting side of right data which releases a utilization restriction of a circulation content;

a verifying section which judges whether the privilege is granted to the requesting side based on the privilege coupon data and the acquisition request;

25 and

a service section which grants the privilege to the requesting side based on the content of

the privilege indicated by the privilege coupon data
when it is determined that the privilege is granted,

wherein the privilege coupon data includes a
permitting side condition ID which specifies a
5 utilization permitting side which permits granting
the privilege,

the acquisition request includes a utilizing
side ID indicative of a right data utilizing side, and

the verifying section determines that the
10 privilege is granted to the requesting side when
the permitting side condition ID is consistent with
the utilizing side ID.